GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:185
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2007
NEW NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
Bahuguna Shri Vijay

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to declare any new stretch of the roads as a National Highway;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the funds required for upgrading the newly identified stretches?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 185 FOR ANSWER ON 28-11-2007 ASKED BY SHRI VIJAY BAHUGUNA REGARDING NEW NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

(a) & (b): At present, the total length of National Highways in the country is 66,590 km. Huge resources are required to develop the existing National Highways. Due to constraints of resources, the declaration of National Highways is of low priority. However in order to complete the East-West Corridor of the National Highway Development Project (NHDP) (Phase II) and to give connectivity to the new International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) at Vallarpadam in Kerala, the Union Government has decided to declare following two stretches as National Highways:

(1) The highway starting from NH-31 near Siliguri and joining NH-31C near Salsalabari via Fulbari, Mainaguri, Dhupguri, Falakata and Sonapur in the state of West Bengal having a length of 110.00 km.

(2) The highway starting from NH-47 near Kalamassery, crossing NH-17 and terminating at Vallarpadam in the state of Kerala having a length of 17.2 km.

(c): The identified route in the East-West Corridor of the NHDP (Phase II) in West Bengal is a realigned route. The cost of upgradation to 4 lane standard is likely to be Rs. 1000 crore based on the average cost of Rs.8 to10 crore per kilometer.

The project cost for construction of the stretch to provide connectivity to the new ICTT at Vallarpadam in Kerala has been assessed as Rs.557 crore.